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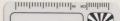
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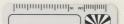
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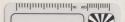
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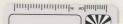
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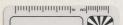
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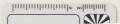
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WINTER SESSION, 1875.

Meetings will be held on the following Monday Evenings:

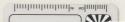
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To Commence at 7.30 p.m.

Extract from the Rules.

- 1. Any person desiring to become a member of the Institute, shall be proposed in writing by two members, and shall be balloted for at the next meeting of the Council.
- New Members on election to pay one pound one shilling entrance fee, in addition to the usual subscription of one pound one shilling, the annual subscription being payable in advance on the first day of April for the then current year.
- 3. Members may at any time become Life-members by one payment of ten pounds ten shillings, in lieu of future annual subscriptions.



REPORT.

THE Council of the Auckland Institute, in submitting their Report for the past year, cannot but feel that the active interest evinced in the progress of the Institute, notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances in which it is at present situated, is most encouraging and calculated to awaken hopes of its eventual prosperity.

The sixth volume of the "Transactions of the New Zealand Institute" has been issued during the year, and supplied free of cost to the members. The steadily increasing interest manifested throughout the Colony in the publication of the yearly volume is, perhaps, the best test of the real value of the work performed by the various affiliated societies; and the Council believe that after due allowance has been made for the concentration at Wellington of the staff of the Geological Survey, it will be found that the Auckland Institute has contributed its full share, both as regards the number and quality of its communications.

Seven meetings have been held during the past twelve months, at which the following papers have been read and discussed:—

- I. Introductory Address :- by T. HEALE.
- 2. On the Planting of Trees :- by D. HAY.
- 3. On Probability: by the Rev. R. Kidd, L.L.D.
- 4. Notes on the Fertilisation of the New Zealand Orchids: --by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S.

- 5. Notes on Street Planting:-by R. W. Dyson.
- 6. On the Discovery of a Stump giving evidence of the existence of Human Life at, or prior to, the Volcanic Era in Auckland:—by J. Goodall, C.E.
- 7. Description of a new species of Senecio:—by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S.
 - 8. What is Science ?-by the Rev. R. Kidd, L.L.D.
- 9. Notice of the re-discovery in New Zealand of Pterostylis squamata:—by T. F. Cheeseman, F.L.S.
- 10. The Claims of Science in National Education:—by J. Martin.
- 11. On Deep Sinking in the Volcanic Beds of Mount Eden:—by J. C. Firth.
 - 12. Early Instruction :- by J. Adams, B.A.
- 13. Notes on the Origin of Mottled Kauri:—by J. Stewart, C.E.
- 14. Chemical Analysis of Rock Specimens from Mount Eden:—by J. A. Pond,
- 15. Notes on the Botany of the Bay of Islands and Mongonui Districts:—by T. F. CHEESEMAN, F.L.S.
- 16. Notes on Danais berenice and Gerygone flaviventris:—by T. B. GILLIES.
 - 17. On Forest Culture :- by . C. FIRTH.

The number of visitors to the Museum and Library has been larger than could have been reasonably expected, considering the dilapidated and unpreposessing appearance of the building, and the impossibility of obtaining a sufficient amount of space for any satisfactory arrangement of the specimens. Numerous donations have been received during the year, as may be seen from

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the appended list. Special thanks are due to Capt, F. W. Hutton, F.G.S., C.M.Z.S., for a complete skeleton of Dinornis crassus, and several other valuable additions. The contributions received from Mr. J. Goodall C.E., and Mr. W. Earl, also deserve special mention. The Council exceedingly regret that a valuable donation made to the Library in 1873 by Dr. Ford, of a nearly complete set of the "Lancet," and other medical books, was not mentioned in the report for that year, and would take this opportunity of repairing the omission.

The Council have pleasure in stating that a grant of froo in aid of the Library was very liberally made by the Provincial Council during its last session. The amount has been expended in the purchase of books on Physical and Natural Science, and over 100 volumes are now on their way from England.

The question of new buildings for the Museum and Library is one that has naturally engaged a considerable share of the attention of the Council, and a variety of plans have been under consideration. Early in the year the Public Buildings' Commissioners suggested that arrangements might be made for accommodating the Institute in the buildings proposed to be erected on the site of the old Supreme Court House, and a lengthy correspondence ensued. Irrespective, however, of the greatly increased risk from fire, and the disadvantages that would follow from the occupation of rooms over which only a partial control could be obtained, it became apparent that the terms proposed by the Commissioners were such as the Council could not accept. Not only was the valuable site now in the possession of the Institute to be given up, but it was stated that an annual rent would be required for the accommodation furnished in return. It is hardly necessary to inform the members that, unless the funds at the disposal of the Institute were materially increased, this could not be done consistent with carrying on the objects of the Society in a thorough and efficient manner,

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As the negotiation with the Commissioners is now probably closed, the Council would earnestly recommend that an attempt should be made during the ensuing session to form a building fund, and to proceed with the erection of a Museum on the Society's own site—one in every way suited for the purpose. Rough plans and estimates for a suitable building have been prepared by a competent architect, and are now submitted to the meeting. The Council feel sure that this course will not only be acceptable to the members, but will enlist the sympathy and support of all classes of the community.

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ADDITIONS AND DONATIONS

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Meteorological Report for 1873; Colonial Museum and Laboratory Report for 1873.—The Director of the Geological Survey. Smithsonian Report for 1872; Report of the Chief Signal Officer to the United States; Reports of the United States Geological

the United States; Reports of the United States Geological Survey from 1867 to 1870; various other pamphlets.—The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Professor Owen's Memoirs on Dinornis; History of the British Fossil Mammals and Birds; on the Anatomy of Apteryx Australis, and other pamphlets.—Sir W. Martin.

Report on the Country between 12 ke Superior and the Red River; Report on the Saskatchewin Expedition.—R Wigmore. Cuvier's Animal Kingdom, 16 vols.—Deposited by J. Goodall, C.E., Photographs of Moa remains:—Captain F. W. Hutton, F.G.S. Journal and Proceedings of the Provincial Council of Auckland.—The Speaker.

Journal and Proceedings of the Provincial Council of Otago,-The

The Depths of the Sea; by Prof. Wyville Thomson.—Purchased. Brenchley's Cruise of the 'Curaçoa,'—Purchased.
The Paleontographical Society's Publications for 1871-72-73.—

The New Sydenham Society's Publications for 1873-74.—Purchased. Transactions and Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London.

Tunnel Company.

Ironstone, Coal, Steatite, and other Minerals from the Miranda;

Fossil Echinoderm from Mercer.—S, P. Smith.

Collection of Minerals, Fossils, etc., from Utah.—The Salt Lake

City Museum (?)
Manufactured Tin and Tin Ore from New South Wales.—T. G.

snepnerd.
Auriferous Quartz with Copper and Zinc.—F. Whitaker.
Fossil Echinoderm from Raglan.—H. Coumbe,
Collection of 130 Fossils from the lower Silurian to the Tertiary;
Indurated Clay found in a mass of lava; large Volcanie Bomb.
J. Goodall, C.E.

Building stone from Raglan, - Wilson.

Block of Olsidian—W. O'Connell.
Pebble embedded in a block of lava.—Rev. A. G. Purchas.
Rock Specimens obtained by deep sinking in the volcanic beds of Mount Eden.—J. C. Firth.
Brown Iron Ore from Raglan; Ironstone and other minerals from Druy.—Hon. H. Chamberlin,

Clay with volcanic steam vents,—J. Fairburn.
Fossil Shells obtained from the bottom of the Queen-street sewer.—
J. Burtt. Minerals fromOhaewai, Bay of Islands.—Ingham Stephens.

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Complete Skeleton of Dinomis crassus; specimen of Spotted Seal (Stenorhynchus leptonys); 30 Indian and European Bird Skins; Skin of Nestor notabilis.—Captain F, W. Hutton, F, GS.
Twenty N. American and Australian Bird Skins; Skin of Australian Carpet Snake; Skin of long-cared Rabbit.—W. Earl.

Skin of Procellaria sp.—H. Arthur Procellaria Soudidi.—Miss Eames.—Hood, Chatham Islands.

Orposum and Wallaby.—The Acclimatisation Society.

Skill of Tiger; Skull of They.—J. Goodall, C.E.

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Skull of Porpoise; one Native Fish.—Hon. Col. Haultain.

Graculus carbo.—J. Watt.

Eggs of Graculus carunculatus, Prion turtur, and Prion vittatus;

Vitrina Kermadeenis.—T. Kirk, F.L.S.

Nest and Eggs of Gerygone flaviventris: specimens of Danais Ringed Water Snake; Flying Fish.—A. T. Maning, New Caledonia.

Ten New Zealand Fishes; N. Z. Echinoderms; N.Z. Shells.—T. F.

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British Crustacea.—H. Arthur.
New Zealand Insects.—Rev. J. Kinder, D.D.
Specimens of Prionoplus reticularis.—W. McCaul.
New Zealand Coleoptera.—Capt. T. Broun.
Large Spider.—Donor unknown.
Centipede.—W. Dation,

Wood sections to illustrate the origin of Mottled Kauri. — J. Stewart, C.E. Maori Carvings — Mrs. Von Tempsky. Carved Model of a Maori Cance. — Deposited by Major Mair. Moori Wacpon. — W. Earl. _

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